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TAGS: SERF, PK, AF, EI
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHANISTAN REFUGEE
RELIEF: IRELAND

REFS: A) STATE 64833; B) STATE 76440; C) 80 DUBLIN 8185

1. ON MARCH 27 ENBOFF DISCUSSED THE GROWING AFGHAN REFUGEE PROBLEM WITH PHILomena MURNAGHAN, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PROGRAMS. ENBOFF LEFT NON-PAPER DRAWN FROM UNCLASSIFIED PORTIONS OF REF A.

2. MURNAGHAN WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT AFGHAN REFUGEE SITUATION FROM RECENT UNHCR AND FAO DOCUMENTS. SHE ASSURED ENBOFF THAT THE GOI IS SENSITIVE AND SYMPATHETIC TO THE NEED TO INCREASE RESOURCES. THE GOI HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO ALLOCATE 1980 FUNDS BUDGETED FOR REFUGEE AND DISASTER RELIEF PURPOSES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR THESE CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED FROM 1980 LEVELS; THUS IRISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF ARE UNLIKELY TO EXCEED AND MAY WELL FALL SHORT OF 1980 CONTRIBUTIONS (REF B).

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3. ENBOFF NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF PAST EC CONTRIBUTIONS

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A HIGH LEVEL OF FUTURE SUPPORT. HURNAGHAN THOUGHT THE
GOI WOULD TAKE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN EC DELIBERATIONS.
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